

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments is courteously solicited.

Independent claims 1 and 9 have been extensively amended so as to set forth the critical relationship between the sheet and partition vis-à-vis deflection and thickness. Contrary to the examiner's contention in his rejection, the paragraph bridging Pages 11 and 12 of the specification as originally filed sets forth the criticality for the features now included in independent claims 1 and 9. The prior art cited and applied by the examiner is silent to both the relative deflection and relative thicknesses between the partition and the body portion. Independent claims 1 and 9 now set forth with specificity the foregoing relationship. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 9 and the claims which depend therefrom clearly patentably define over the cited and applied prior art references and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

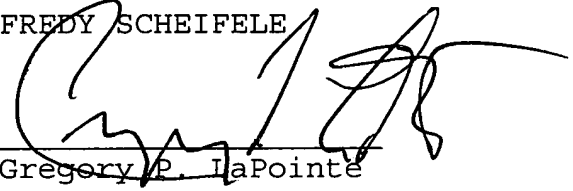
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